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The Eighty-fifth Annual Meeting of the American Peace Society.

The eighty-fifth annual meeting of the American Peace Society was held in the Odeon, at St. Louis, on Saturday afternoon, May 3, at 4 o'clock. More than one hundred members of the society were present.

Senator Theodore E. Burton, president of the society, was in the chair.

The absence from the meeting of Secretary of State Bryan, who had been engaged to give the annual address, was greatly regretted by the members. He had telegraphed from California that it would be impossible for him to leave Sacramento City in time to reach St. Louis on Saturday. In his absence President S. C. Mitchell, of the University of South Carolina, had been asked to address the meeting.

Dr. Mitchell laid emphasis on the fact that the cause of international peace concerns the people of the earth rather than the cabinets of the nations, and that it is working out for mankind a new patriotism which will remake our civic patriotism from the standpoint of all humanity. He urged the members of the society to go home with the confidence that some of the things which had been discussed in the Peace Congress would become realities. A world interest was entering into the policies of the nations, and women, with their dynamic energy, were helping to hasten the success of the cause.

Senator Burton, having to leave the meeting, had asked Mr. Leroy A. Goddard, president of the Chicago Peace Society, to act as chairman for the rest of the time.

The business of the annual meeting was then taken up. The reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting was omitted. Dr. William I. Hull, secretary of the Pennsylvania Peace Society, was chosen clerk for the occasion.

The treasurer's annual statement, with the auditor's report, was presented, accepted, and ordered placed on file. The report showed that the receipts for the year, exclusive of legacies, had amounted to \$42,605.21 and the expenses to \$42,420.13, the receipts thus exceeding the expenses by \$185.08. It showed further that legacies to the amount of \$4,095.50 had been received during the year, \$3,062.25 of which had been placed in the reserve fund and \$1,033.25 in the current expense account.

The annual report of the board of directors was presented by Secretary Trueblood. It included the reports of the secretary and the executive director to the board of directors. The report was accepted, approved, and ordered to be published in the *ADVOCATE OF PEACE*. (The report appeared in full in the May number.)

The report of the nominating committee was then presented. Further nominations being in order, Dr.

Jenkin Lloyd Jones, of Chicago; Mrs. Philip N. Moore, of St. Louis; Hiram Hadley, of Mesilla Park, New Mexico; President Edmund Stanley, of Wichita, Kansas, and Mrs. Frederick Schoff, of Philadelphia, were placed on the list of nominees for honorary vice-presidents. On motion of Charles E. Beals, of Chicago, the name of Dr. Lyman Abbott was removed from the list of nominees for honorary vice-presidents. The clerk was then instructed by vote to cast one ballot for all the nominees. The ballot was cast, and the nominees were declared elected. (The list is given in full on page 142.)

An invitation was extended by the Chicago Peace Society, through its secretary, Charles E. Beals, to hold the annual meeting in 1914 in Chicago. An invitation was also extended by William O. Hart, Esq., on behalf of the mayor and city council of New Orleans, to hold the annual meeting in 1914 in New Orleans. It was voted that the determination of the place of holding the next annual meeting be referred to the executive committee.

A vote of thanks was extended to the city of St. Louis, and especially to the Business Men's League, for the hospitality extended to the members during the Peace Congress. A vote of thanks was also extended to the officers of the society for their faithful services during the past year.

The meeting adjourned at 6 o'clock.

The Mohonk Arbitration Conference.

The Nineteenth Conference on International Arbitration, which met at Mohonk Lake, New York, from May 14 to 16, did not differ in any essential respect from its predecessors, except in the absence of him who founded the conferences and had been the soul and directing spirit of them for the eighteen years of their existence. It was difficult for those who had participated in the meetings from the beginning to realize that the founder was gone. In every room and hall of the great Mountain House, and upon all the walks and drives about the superb estate, the memory of his presence was deeply felt, and one realized, as never before, the genius, the intellectual and moral strength, the high idealism, and the rare devotion to human good of the man who had conceived and created Mohonk, and the Indian and arbitration conferences which have given it its unique fame.

But Albert K. Smiley's death made no break in the work of the conference. He had arranged that it should not. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Smiley, who have for years managed the estate with admirable skill, and to whom its possession has fallen, took up the work with rare devotion and courage, just as everybody had expected

them to do. They made us feel as much at home as we had ever before felt, and convinced us that the high mission of Mohonk to humanity will not be allowed in the least to lag. The conferences are to go on until their mission is accomplished.

The number of guests was not quite so large as usual. But the conference in all other respects maintained the high standard of former years. Instead of one president for the entire conference, a different chairman presided at each of the six sessions. These were: Dr. Lyman Abbott; Hon. Joseph Allen Baker, of London; Dr. James Brown Scott, of Washington; Ex-President Eliot; Charlemagne Tower, former Ambassador to Germany, and President Taylor, of Vassar College.

The presence at the conference of three of the British delegates visiting this country in connection with the arrangements for the celebration of the one hundred years of Anglo-American peace, namely, Hon. Joseph Allen Baker, M. P.; Hon. Henry Vivian, M. P., and Mr. H. S. Perris, added freshness and interest to the discussions, as did the presence of Norman Angell, the author of "The Great Illusion," and Canon Dr. Alexander Gieswein, a member of the Hungarian Parliament and president of the Hungarian Peace Society.

The speaking was, on the whole, of a high order and worthy of the great cause in whose interest the conference had met. Among the most prominent speakers, if one may name some of them, were: Hon. Jackson H. Ralston, of Washington; H. S. Perris, of London; Andrew B. Humphrey, of New York; Prof. James H. Callahan, of the University of West Virginia; Henri Bourassa, of Canada; Prof. William R. Shepherd, of Columbia University; Prof. Amos S. Hershey, of the Indiana State University; Hon. William C. Dennis, of Washington; Arthur K. Kuhn, of the New York Bar; Edwin D. Mead, of Boston; Dr. Lyman Abbott; Dr. Charles W. Eliot; Dr. P. P. Claxton; Dr. Felix Adler; Thomas Raeburn White, of the Philadelphia Bar; Prof. Emery R. Johnson; Norman Angell; Hon. Charlemagne Tower, and Prof. George Grafton Wilson, of Harvard. It is unusual to find so many strong men participating in the program of a single conference. Mohonk itself never did better.

The representatives of a large number of business organizations participated as usual in the conference. Their resolutions adopted at a special meeting were presented at the last session by Marcus M. Marks, of New York, and will appear as a part of the report of the conference. These resolutions are given on another page.

The conference gave its attention especially to the approaching Third Hague Conference and what its program should be, to the celebration of the one hundred years' Anglo-American peace and its significance to the world, to arbitration as a means of promoting

international justice, to the proposed international court of justice, and a number of other related topics.

The platform of the conference, which is given on another page, was more limited than some wished, but it dealt specifically with a few of the most important things which it was hoped might be accomplished at the Third Hague Conference.

An interesting side feature of the conference was the Intercollegiate Oratorical Peace Contest, held on Thursday afternoon, presided over by Dr. Charles F. Thwing, president of the association, and participated in by three young men, who had won each first place in the three group contests in the Eastern, Middle, and Western sections of the country. The first prize of \$100 was awarded to Paul B. Blanshard, of the University of Michigan. The annual Pugsley prize for the best essay on international arbitration by a man college student was presented to the winner, Bryant Smith, of Guilford College, N. C., and the Mrs. Elmer Black prize for the best essay by a young woman college student was awarded to Miss Mary R. Pollock, of the Rochester Athenæum and Mechanics' Institute.

The Twentieth International Peace Congress.

The date of the Twentieth International Peace Congress, which is to be held at The Hague this year, has been fixed for the week beginning August 17 and closing August 23. The congress proper will open on Wednesday, August 20. The two preceding days will be given up to preliminary committee meetings.

The dedication of the Palace of Peace, which is now practically completed, has been fixed for Friday, August 29.

The Interparliamentary Union will also hold its eighteenth conference this year immediately following the dedication of the Palace of Peace.

It is most important that there should be a strong delegation from the United States at this Twentieth International Peace Congress. The American Peace Society has already appointed a number of delegates, and will be glad to make delegates of any others of its members who may be going over. Each of the constituent branches of the society should also, if possible, send one or more representatives. In addition to the peace societies, all other organizations which make arbitration and peace a part of their work are also entitled to send delegates.

We are advised that The Hague is sure to be unusually full of people at the time, and those who are expecting to go should write at once to Mr. A. van der Mandere, 93 rue Jean de Nassau, The Hague, Holland, stating what priced rooms they would like to have.